

# Pierce County's Older Population

## Social and Economic Characteristics

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|  | Pierce County |         | Wisconsin |
|--|---------------|---------|-----------|
| Household Income (Householder Age 65+) |               | Percent | Percent   |
| Income less than \$35,000              | 1,458         | 64.3%   | 65.2%     |
| Income less than \$50,000              | 1,773         | 78.1%   | 80.4%     |

| Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level | Number | Percent | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| Below Poverty                                | 255    | 7.6%    | 7.4%    |
| Below 2.0 x Poverty                          | 1,011  | 30.2%   | 29.6%   |

| Median Income: Comparing Age Groups |  | Dollars  | Dollars  |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Total (Householders of all ages)    |  | \$49,551 | \$43,791 |
| Householder 65 to 74 years          |  | \$33,589 | \$31,328 |
| Householder 75 years and over       |  | \$20,608 | \$21,046 |

| Employment Status: Persons Age 65+       | Number | Percent | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force   | 366    | 23.5%   | 17.7%   |
| Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force | 235    | 11.8%   | 9.3%    |

| Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+          | Number | Percent | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| 65+; Less than 9th grade                         | 799    | 22.6%   | 17.8%   |
| 65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma               | 422    | 11.9%   | 15.5%   |
| 65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 1,285  | 36.3%   | 38.2%   |
| 65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree          | 541    | 15.3%   | 13.7%   |
| 65+, Bachelor's degree or more                   | 495    | 14.0%   | 12.7%   |

| Marital Status: Persons Age 65+       | Number | Percent | Percent |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Never married                         | 119    | 3.4%    | 4.7%    |
| Married                               | 2,027  | 57.2%   | 52.9%   |
| Separated                             | 231    | 6.5%    | 5.2%    |
| Widowed                               | 1,020  | 28.8%   | 31.3%   |
| Divorced                              | 145    | 4.1%    | 5.9%    |
| <b>Males</b> , 65 and over, married   | 1,123  | 72.1%   | 71.3%   |
| <b>Females</b> , 65 and over, married | 904    | 45.6%   | 39.9%   |

| Disability Status, Persons Age 65+                      | Number | Percent | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|---------|
| Persons 65 or older with any disability                 | 1,111  | 33.2%   | 36.5%   |
| With a sensory disability                               | 354    | 10.6%   | 11.9%   |
| With a physical disability                              | 733    | 21.9%   | 24.1%   |
| With a mental disability                                | 265    | 7.9%    | 7.6%    |
| With a self-care disability                             | 230    | 6.9%    | 7.5%    |
| With a go-outside-home disability                       | 471    | 14.1%   | 17.7%   |
| Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level | 105    | 9.5%    | 10.6%   |